

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) An input device comprising:

a pointing device that includes a user-manipulable member that is moveable with a finger of a user and the user-manipulable member having a conductive part covered by a non-conductive cover;

an activity sensor for sensing activation of the pointing device,[[;]] wherein the activity sensor comprises:

 a detector device for sensing a capacitance change in the pointing device;

wherein the activity sensor further comprises a threshold comparator connected to receive an output of the detector device; and

wherein the activity sensor further comprises a resonant circuit that is capacitively coupled to the conductive part of the user-manipulable member by a member disposed with respect to the user-manipulable member, the resonant circuit having a frequency that changes when a finger of a user approaches or touches the user-manipulable member by establishment of a capacitance between the finger and the conductive part; and

wherein the detector device detects the capacitance change by detecting the change in frequency of the resonant circuit and an output of the threshold comparator activates movement sensing of the user-manipulable member; and

a movement sensor that senses movement of the user-manipulable member and outputs a pointing command signal in response to sensed movement of the user-manipulable member; and

wherein the activity sensor is adapted to enable energization of the movement sensor pointing device when the sensed activation of the pointing device exceeds a

threshold, and the activity sensor further comprises a timer adapted to switch off the energization of the movement sensor pointing device after a time has elapsed without any sensed activation of the pointing device.

10. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the threshold is adjustable.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the time is adjustable.

13-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the ball is a metallized plastic ball with a plastic or rubber coating.

16. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the detector device further comprises an oscillator with the resonant circuit, wherein a capacitance of the ball forms a part of the resonant circuit.

17. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the detector device comprises a high impedance amplifier.

18. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9 further comprising:

a display for showing menus in which navigation is performed by means of the input device.

19. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 18, wherein the device is a mobile telephone.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the user-manipulable member is a ball.

22. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the conductive part is a metallized layer that covers a core of the ball and the metallized layer is covered by the non-conductive cover.

23. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the member disposed with respect to the user-manipulable member is an antenna or pick-up.

24. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the member disposed with respect to the user-manipulable member is spaced apart from the non-conductive cover.

25. (New) The device according to claim 9, wherein the movement sensor is one or more Hall element sensors.